CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	16112003-125.JPG
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	802355
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	The District Court at Whangarei
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	30 January 2009
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image depicts the manipulation and exploitation of a young girl who is posing suggestively on a bed in lingerie. This image invites the viewer to regard a child as sexually available and titillating, and serves to legitimise a sexual interest in children.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.